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PATENT APPLICATION

App./Confirm Nos.: 10/625,635
Applicant: Cox et al.
Filing Date: July 23, 2003
Title: **WAFER INTEGRATED RIGID
SUPPORT RING**

Attr. Docker: BUR9-1999-0240-US3
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Examiner: Junghwa M. Im
Group Art Unit: 2811
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Response to Official Action

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to a restriction requirement dated June 30, 2005, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the claims elected. No fee is due by virtue of this election. However, if the PTO decides that a fee is due, please charge Applicants' deposit account, 09-0456.

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The Examiner indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 17-25, drawn to a shadow mask, classified in class 216, subclass 12;
- II. Claims 38-47, drawn to a method of fabricating a shadow mask, classified in class 438, subclass 10+;
- III. Claims 48-50, drawn to a wafer, classified in class 257, subclass 620.

Applicants elect the claims of Group II, without traverse, directed to a method of fabricating a shadow mask. Thus, the claims that are readable on the elected species and variations for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable include: claims 38-47.

Also, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants wish to re-open consideration of claims to additional species and variations which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the number listed below if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would aid in furthering the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

For: Cox et al.

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